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NEW BIRD REFUGE AND  
FUR PRESERVE IN ALASKA

President Sets Aside Suitable Areas Along  
Government Railway Line

President Coolidge, by recent Executive order, has set aside certain areas along the Alaska Railroad as a preserve and breeding ground for muskrats and beavers, and a tract of 14 square miles about the Government hotel at Curry, Alaska, which is also on the railroad, as a refuge for the protection of wild birds and game and fur-bearing animals. In the area at Curry fishing will be regulated by the Secretary of Commerce; and the hunting and trapping of birds and game and fur-bearing animals, other than brown and grizzly bears, wolves, and wolverenes, will be permitted only under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, in accordance with the Alaska game law.

The muskrat and beaver preserve along the Alaska Railroad consists of 8 tracts aggregating 6 square miles, 4 entirely on the west side, 2 on the east, and on both sides, all of them one to two miles long and extending half a mile from the center line. Trapping or otherwise killing these fur animals on the preserve is unlawful except under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, but the taking of such other animals and birds there as is permitted under the Alaska game law is not restricted by the new order.

The beavers have been active in building dams in the vicinity of the hotel at Curry, and these have proved attractive to visitors and tourists. Because of their accessibility, these places have been attractive also to trappers, who had started killing both beavers and muskrats for their pelts. The Executive order was issued to prevent the extermination of the fur animals along the line of the railroad.

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